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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 454
By Wilder

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Sue T. Amos upon her recent graduation from Middle Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have overcome numerous obstacles to achieve remarkable success as scholars; and

WHEREAS, Sue T. Amos graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Relations on May 12, 2001, which, coincidentally, was also her birthday; and

WHEREAS, She was one of only five students who were specially recognized by MTSU President James Smith during the commencement exercises; and

WHEREAS, This gifted and enthusiastic student graduated from MTSU with a perfect 4.0 grade point average; she ranked First in her class after the completion of the Fall 2000 semester; and

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WHEREAS, When she received her Bachelor's Degree on her 51st birthday, Ms. Amos fulfilled a lifelong dream, and she is quite proud of her MTSU degree and her new alma mater; and

WHEREAS, A non-traditional student who excelled in her studies, Ms. Amos greatly enjoyed the intellectual freedom of academia and the experience of associating with creative young minds who helped her to think "outside the box"; and

WHEREAS, A finalist for the Provost Award in 2000 and 2001, Ms. Amos was honored as Public Relations Student of the Year for 2001 by the College of Mass Communications and its School of Journalism; and

WHEREAS, She also received an award from the College of Mass Communications and School of Journalism for devising, in conjunction with her classmates, the "Outstanding Public Relations Plan of the Year"; Ms. Amos served astutely as Account Executive for her student team, Inventive Public Relations, which produced a comprehensive public relations plan for a Franklin, Tennessee restaurant; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her many academic accomplishments as a non-traditional student, Ms. Amos was honored with the 2000-2001 Pinnacle Achievement Award by OWLS (Older Wiser Learners Society); and

WHEREAS, A living testament to the power of positive thinking, perseverance, ambition and hard work, Ms. Amos earned membership in the prestigious Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key honor societies during her illustrious collegiate career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Amos's inspirational story was detailed in the MTSU publication *Simply the Best - MTSU Students Making Headlines, Making a Difference* on April 27, 2001; and

WHEREAS, She was also recognized by the *Murfreesboro Daily News Journal* and the *Cannon Courier* for her important work in informing communities about the services of the Cannon County Food Bank; Ms. Amos and four classmates conducted surveys and assisted in the Cannon County Food Bank's food drive as part of a public relations class assignment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Amos is a former Assistant Vice President in the banking industry; in her last position, she quickly ascended the corporate ladder through innovative thought and dynamic action, beginning as a Customer Sales Representative and eventually serving with distinction as Vice President of Marketing; and

WHEREAS, Sue Amos has not only achieved her lifelong dream of earning a college degree, she has also distinguished herself as a dedicated and gifted scholar in the process; and

WHEREAS, All Tennesseans would do well to emulate Ms. Amos's sterling example of total commitment to quality education and her determination to excel in all arenas of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Sue T. Amos upon her recent graduation from Middle Tennessee State University, salute this remarkable lady's numerous accomplishments as a scholar, citizen and professional, commend her ongoing commitment to true learning and original thought, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.